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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June
26
2022

Jesus said, “Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head.”

Luke 9:58

Daily Mass Monday-Saturday
9am (Livestreamed)

Thursday
5:40pm Rosary, 6pm Mass
(Livestreamed)

Every First Friday
5pm to 6pm Exposition
6pm Mass

Livestream Links
Can be found at ctkph.org

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday
4pm Vigil
(Livestreamed)

Sunday
7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, & 4pm
(10:30am-Livestreamed)

St. Stephen Mass Times

Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 9:30am

Daily Rosary, Monday-Friday

5:40pm on Facebook

Private Confessions
Saturday 3pm to 3:30pm
In the church

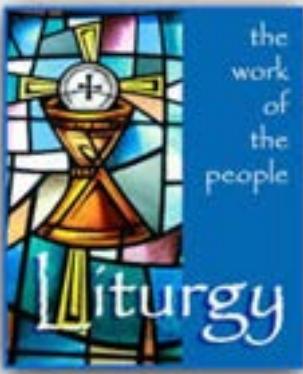
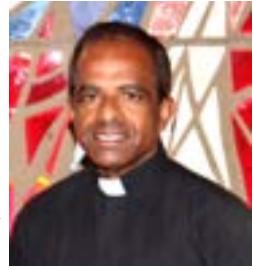
Drive-Thru Communion
11:30am to 12 noon
In front of the church

“To hear the gospel and make a difference.”

Dear Friends,

For all these years, we have been accustomed to gathering physically for our Sunday services, and the Catholic church has always emphasized how important it is to be together as a community.

While it is important to recognize the significance of the church ‘gathering to worship’ the pandemic has forced us to rethink *how* we gather. Many of us still turn to our virtual platform to continue with worship and prayer. The new landscape calls for both resilience and adaptation, embracing new ways of doing things and of being church. I am not sure when we will return to pre-pandemic church. I know that our bishops are concerned about church attendance. Health and well-being of everyone is very important to me, and everyone needs to be vigilant about their well-being. No one needs to feel guilty for these decisions. God is good.



I do want to highlight that some of our church ministries such as Ministers of Communion, Lectors and Ushers have been greatly impacted by the pandemic. We are very fortunate with our sacristans who continued to minister during the pandemic and have in fact added new members to the ministry. These realities are also true for St. Stephen where a faithful few have continued to serve without fail. Gayle Nault, our coordinator for Eucharistic Ministers, has done an amazing job during this time, in terms of scheduling and training of new ministers. Sadly, for us, Gayle is moving to another State with her daughter. We owe her a great debt of gratitude. All of these ministries have reduced to a third of who we were pre-pandemic times. So, I would like to request you in both communities to consider stepping up to serve in one or two of these ministries. Please call the parish office or connect with Sr. Dominic or Chris Lang, and we will schedule training programs for you.

The disciples of Jesus were imperfect men, who in following Christ, struggled time and again with their weaknesses. And yet, they persevered in the path of discipleship. This has tremendous implications for the Church today. First, no one should consider himself or herself exempt from effective ministry in the service of the Gospel or the Church because we are not gifted or competent. Second, our weaknesses, even our iniquities, are not necessarily an obstacle to God’s blueprint for the world and our participation in its realization. Reflecting on her unique calling as Mother of God, Mary admitted in her Magnificat, “He looked graciously on the humble estate of his servant.” The history of the Church is replete with examples of how God continues to exalt the lowly to great heights of holiness and power. The Greats in Scripture were men and women of inadequacies and struggled to make sense of God’s designs in their lives.

“There are many pious people who believe themselves to be saints who are not,” wrote Tony Hendra, “and many people who believe themselves to be impious who are.” A saint, according to him, is a person who practices the keystone human virtue of humility – humility in the face of wealth and plenty, humility in the face of power and prestige, humility in the face of one’s own genius or lack of it, humility in the face of love and beauty, and humility in the face of pain and death. God’s chosen ones are driven to humbling themselves before the majesty and splendor of God and letting themselves be fashioned in ways that transcend our human understanding and expertise. An apostle is one who easily makes that transition from “It’s not about me,” to “it’s all about Him” and willingly embraces His will as one’s own. An apostle is one who is deeply aware of one’s inadequacies and unworthiness and recognizes God’s greatness in attending to our lowliness.

There is no place better than being part of our ministries that are associated with the church and the celebration of the sacraments. Once again, I would invite you to consider serving as a Minister of Communion, Lector or Usher. At some point in the fall, we will also need to bring back our altar servers. We miss them so much. As ministers, you are called to be a vessel of God’s compassion and love that can only be borne from your own brokenness and your own sense of being God’s beloved.

Fr. Paulson

CTK UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

June 27	Mon.	9am	Daisy Salvosa Malasig † Josefina Dasigan † Arsenio Romero †
June 28	Tues.	9am	Leonica Santos † Ernesto, Clara, Juan & Juan Jr. Badong †
June 29	Wed.	9am	Richard Cademartori † Leoncia Malijan †
June 30	Thurs.	9am	Rosario, Clara & Anne Caraos † Joe and Gen Hogan † Faustina Amalraj
July 1	Fri.	9am	Quyen Nguyen †
July 2	Sat.	9am	Lorraine & Zelda Costa †
July 2 & July 3	Week-end	Masses	Christine Layfield † Giuseppina Iorfida † Ken Franco † Alfredo Quintans Jr. †

Paving Project Update

This weekend, you will be driving on to and parking on our newly repaved parking lot. My heart is filled with gratitude and joy. I want to thank you for your generosity, and I am also grateful to our Facilities Director, John Kluesener for his working with our contractors and the diocese. We will be doing the paving at St. Stephens in September this year as we have more flexibility there. The parishioners of St. Stephen have been saving money for these projects for years, and so they have sufficient funds in the reserve for this project. St. Stephen community is very resilient and has always stepped up whenever there was a need. I am so proud of you, and you inspire me with your generosity and commitment to the parish.



ST. STEPHEN CORNER “To Live and to Love in Christ”

St. Stephen Church - Mass Times

Monday - Friday - 8am

Saturday - 5pm and Sunday - 9:30am



SS UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

June 25	Sat.	5:00pm	St. Stephen Parishioners
June 26	Sun.	9:30am	Alice Ann Goebel †
July 2	Sat.	5:00pm	Raymond Chocholek †
July 3	Sun.	9:30am	Jim Vranesh †

St. Stephen News

As a reminder, our St. Stephen religious education is combined with Christ the King. If you have children in grades 1 - 12, it is time to register your children for the upcoming religious education classes, including sacrament preparation and youth group. Click on "Register Now!" on our St. Stephen website to be taken to the CTK registration page.

Getting tired of seeing the same faces ministering at Mass? We would love to have you join us as Lector or Eucharistic Minister. Call our St. Stephen office to express your interest. We will be having a ministry faire in September to let you know all the areas we could use your help.

**Office hours - Monday & Wednesday,
11am-2pm.**





Happy 4th of July!
Happy Summer!

Join members of the Hospitality Committee after the Saturday 4pm Mass on July 2nd in a welcome to the season.

Beer, wine, lemonade & tasty treats will be served!
It's time to celebrate being in each other's company again.



Registration for RE is now Open!

Dear RE Parents of Students
Grade 1 through 12:

One school year is behind us, which means we are planning for next year!!! The process never ends!

Passing on the Catholic Faith is a priority for every Catholic parent, and our Religious Education and Youth Ministry Programs are here to support your efforts.

Registration for Religious Education classes, including Sacramental Preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation, is now open. Please go to the parish website, www.ctkph.org and click on the "Register Now!" button on the home page. When you click on the button, you will be taken to a Registration Tutorial and have access to the necessary forms. For your convenience, we have added an online payment option for all Registrations and Fees.

We look forward to another wonderful year with your children. We are truly blessed and privileged to be able to support you in your mission of leading your children into a relationship with Christ! Blessings to you and your families!

The Christ the King Religious Education Team



Are you someone or do you
Know someone who...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. For more information, please contact Deacon John at: faithformation@ctkph.org

CTK Hymns for Mass - June 25 & 26

Hymns can be found in the Music Issue book in your pew

Gathering - Christ Before Us (#412)
Psalm - "You are my inheritance, O Lord."
Offertory - As Christ is For Us (#523)
Communion - Center of My Life (#506)
Closing - City of God (#388)



First Friday

This Friday, July 1, is our Monthly First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Followed by Mass **Exposition at 5 pm/Mass at 6pm**



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CLOW needs Presiders, Guides and Assistants for this weekly ministry to children in grades 1 through 5. If you love kids and you love the Lord, you can make a difference by being part of CLOW. Call or email Deacon John to learn more. Email: faithformation@ctkph.org. Phone: (925) 686-1174.



Marriage Encounter

The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. Invite God into your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences in the Oakland Diocese are July 8-10, 2022 and November 18-20, 2022. Go to www.wwme.org to find the Experience that is just right for you - early registration encouraged!

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